# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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STRENGTH OF PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of indigenous pilotless aircraft supplied to the Indian Air Force, the Navy and the Army, so far separately;

(b) the names of their manufacturing units; and

(c) the number of such aircraft manufactured by each of these units so far?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Lakshya Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) for AerialTarget Practice is in Limited Series Production (LSP) based on indigenous development. Orders have been placed for 5 systems each by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Orders for the Air Force and the Navy are under completion; the Army order is likely to be completed by April 2001.

(b) & (c) : The responsibility for Limited Series Production vests with the Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) which works closely with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore which is the identified agency for serial production. Several firms in the private and public sector supply Lakshya sub-systems.